

What is claimed is:

1. A data supplier that transmits print data, said supplier comprising:

- a connector that can be connected to a printer;
- a transmitter that sends print data to the printer via the connector;
- a lock mechanism that physically locks the connection established using the connector; and
- a lock controller that maintains the lock secured by the lock mechanism at least while communication regarding printing is being carried out with the printer.

2. The data supplier according to claim 1, wherein said lock controller deems invalid any input that instructs that the lock state be ended so long as communication regarding printing is underway with the printer.

3. The data supplier according to claim 1, wherein said data supplier comprises a digital camera.

4. The data supplier according to claim 1, wherein said data supplier comprises a computer.

5. The data supplier according to claim 1, wherein said connector is connected while the housing of the data supplier and the housing of the printer are in mutual contact.

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6. A printer comprising:

a connector that can be connected to a data supplier that sends print data;

a printing portion that performs printing based on print data sent from the data supplier via the connector;

a lock mechanism that physically locks the connection established using the connector; and

a lock controller that maintains the lock secured by the lock mechanism at least while communication regarding printing is being carried out with the data supplier.

7. The printer according to claim 6, where said lock controller deems invalid any input that instructs that the lock state be ended so long as communication regarding printing is underway with the data supplier.

8. The printer according to claim 6, wherein said connector is connected to a digital camera as the data supplier.

9. The printer according to claim 6, wherein said connector is connected to a computer as the data supplier.

10. The printer according to claim 1, wherein said connector is connected while the housing of the data

supplier and the housing of the printer are in mutual contact.

11. The printer according to claim 6, wherein said connector includes a cable.

12. A print system comprising:

a printing portion that performs printing based on print data;

a transmitter that can be connected to or separated from the printing portion and that sends print data to the printing portion while being connected thereto;

a lock mechanism that physically locks the connection established between the printing portion and the transmitter; and

a lock controller that maintains the lock secured by the lock mechanism at least while communication regarding printing is being carried out between the printing portion and the transmitter.

13. The print system according to claim 12, wherein said lock controller deems invalid any input that instructs that the lock state be ended so long as communication regarding printing is underway between the printing portion and the transmitter.

14. The print system according to claim 12, wherein said transmitter comprises a digital camera.

15. The print system according to claim 12,
wherein said transmitter comprises a computer.

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